

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)****Grant Recipient: Seward****Project Title:****Project Type: Other**

Seward - Bus Transportation Assistance for Cruise Ship Passengers.

State Funding Requested: \$167,000**House District: 35 / R**

Future Funding May Be Requested

Brief Project Description:

Transportation Assistance to Cruise Ship Passengers for bus transportation assistance to cruise ship passengers.

Funding Plan:**Total Cost of Project: \$167,000***There is no other funding needed***Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

Seward does not have adequate transportation resources to meet the needs of cruise ship passengers. Transportation is inadequate between the railroad and cruise ship terminals. It is also inadequate for cruise ship passengers to lodging locations, businesses, and points of interest in Seward. Transportation costs required include: 2 coaches, drivers, insurance, fuel, repairs, and maintenance for the 126 days of cruise ship visits. The transportation would be provided at no cost to cruise ship visitors to and from the airport and all points of interest throughout the City of Seward to include the Alaska SeaLife Center.

Project Timeline:

If funding was secured the City has already prepared a request for proposal in the summer of 2008 in preparation for this transportation system. This request for proposals could be advertised and awarded in FY 2010.

Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

The City of Seward

Grant Recipient Contact Information:

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? ☒ Yes ☐ No

**CITY OF SEWARD, ALASKA
RESOLUTION 2009-009**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEWARD,
ALASKA, APPROVING THE CITY OF SEWARD'S CALENDAR YEAR
2009 STATE LEGISLATIVE REVISED PRIORITIES**

WHEREAS, the City annually compiles a list of projects or issues that are identified as top state legislative priorities; and

WHEREAS, the list of projects is compiled and distributed to the Alaska Legislature in Juneau, the Kenai Peninsula Borough, and the City of Seward's lobbyists; and

WHEREAS, this prioritized list validates the projects and greatly focuses the efforts of the administration in our lobbying efforts; and

WHEREAS, all the projects on this list are consistent with the City's Comprehensive and Strategic Plans

WHEREAS, the 2009 Federal Economic Stimulus bill may make funding available from federal and state agencies or departments to complete various city projects on this list of state legislative priorities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEWARD, ALASKA, that:

Section 1. This list of legislative projects is hereby declared to be the official legislative priority list for the City of Seward for the 2009 State legislative session:

1. STATE FUNDED PROJECTS WITH LOCAL MATCH

A. PUBLIC FACILITIES

- (1) \$1.8 million to complete procurement of furnishings and equipment for the new long-term care facility in Seward (the City will repay \$22 million in revenue bonds to construct the facility)
- (2) \$1.5 million for the Seward's Medical Clinic to expand and remodel the facility (for moving the CT scanner into the facility from a mobile van, increasing backup generator capacity, and improving physical therapy space)
- (3) \$750 thousand to build a new water storage tank (the City will obtain a 100% match of \$750 thousand through a low-interest loan program)

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- (4) \$5 million state assistance for the \$10 million Seward Library/Museum (local contributions of grants, private donations and potential bond will provide a 100% match of \$5 million to complete the project)

B. PORT AND HARBOR

- (1) \$1.5 million to complete the extension of the Seward Small Boat Harbor east breakwater (the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the City will provide a 100% match of \$1.5 million to complete the project)
- (2) \$750 thousand for inner-harbor improvements to repair and replace the “D” Floats in the Seward Small Boat Harbor (the City will provide \$250 thousand to complete the project)
- (3) \$500 thousand for a wave modeling and engineering study for the North Dock Basin at SMIC (the Army Corps of Engineers is providing a 100% match of \$500 thousand to complete the study)

C. ELECTRIC

- (1) \$1.9 million for the Electric Department emergency standby generator complex (the City is providing \$7.5 million for the project)
- (2) \$250 thousand for automatic electrical metering equipment to improve customer service, outage management, and load management (the City will provide a 100% match of \$250 thousand to complete the project)
- (3) \$1 million for rebuilding and upgrading the transmission line from the Seward city limits to the Fort Raymond electric substation (the City will provide \$600 thousand for the project)
- (4) \$85 thousand for improvements to capabilities for providing electrical power during emergencies, such as a tsunami, to the downtown and hospital area of Seward (the City will provide a 100% match of \$85 thousand for the project)
- (5) \$5 million from the Railbelt inter-tie funds to upgrade transmission lines between Anchorage and Seward
- (6) \$12 million to complete the transmission line conversion to 115kV at \$1 million/ mile.

D. ROADS AND STREETS

- (1) \$750 thousand for street/sidewalk repairs and drainage (the City provided \$160 thousand in 2008 for these repairs)

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- (2) \$250 thousand for paving and improving drainage in the northeast parking lot of the Seward Small Boat Harbor (The City has obtained a matching grant of approximately \$200 thousand for design and preparation of the area for paving)

2. CRUISE SHIP HEAD TAX

- (1) \$4.5 million for dredging cruise ship berthing basins and approaches in Seward to a depth of 42 Feet to permit safe berthing of the millennium size cruise ships
- (2) \$167 thousand for bus transportation assistance to cruise ship passengers
- (3) \$193 thousand to relocate Seward's Coast Guard Building adjacent to the Cruise Ship Dock Area and improve security to cruise ships and their passengers
- (4) \$750 thousand for building a new water storage tank that provides the capacity necessary to provide water to cruise ships (the City will obtain a 100% match of \$750 thousand through a low-interest loan program)
- (5) \$1.5 million for constructing a dock to improve security and fire protection to cruise ships and to ensure completion
- (6) \$2.56 million for cruise ship dock appurtenance improvements in Seward

3. STATE FUNDED PROJECTS

- (1) \$1.5 million for storm water discharge infrastructure including a security fence around the city vessel storage area at the Seward Marine Industrial Center (SMIC)
- (2) \$860 thousand for Handicapped Accessibility Fish Cleaning Station in the Northeast Launch Ramp Area of Small Boat Harbor
- (3) \$450 thousand for paving the road and parking lot on the South Seward Small Boat Harbor Uplands area
- (4) \$2 million for controlling coastal erosion that threatens the Lowell Point Road (this road provides the sole land access to critical public infrastructure and a residential housing area)
- (5) \$1.7 million to double the capacity of the ship lift (synchrolift) and improve dock capabilities at SMIC
- (6) \$10 million for the extension of the SMIC basin breakwater to improve ship moorage, loading, and repair operations
- (7) \$4.5 million to complete sheet piling and add moorage along the north side of the Seward Small Boat Harbor
- (8) \$60 thousand to study the feasibility of a hydro electric plant to produce renewable energy in Seward

- (9) \$1 million levee maintenance and bed load removal in the Fourth of July Creek to protect the Spring Creek State prison

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- (10) \$100 thousand for City facility ADA accessibility
(11) \$75 thousand for emergency access repairs and improvements at the Seward jail
(12) \$68 thousand for Energy Efficiency- Boiler Replacements
(13) \$25 thousand to upgrade the Harbor Security Camera System
(14) \$300 thousand for direct connectivity with Alaska Land Mobile- Radio system (ALMR) for the Seward Dispatch Center
(15) \$425 thousand to purchase fire apparatus (replace non-complaint vehicle)

4. BENEFICIAL LEGISLATION

- (1) \$100 thousand to the Alutiq Pride Shellfish Hatchery for upgrading and repairing the marine water intake line that was damaged in the October 2006 flood, upgrading the lighting system that produces algae for feeding shellfish seed and broodstock, and completing installation of a recirculating system for cleaning and reusing water and reducing electricity costs
(2) The City of Seward's highest priority for beneficial legislation remains the introduction of a GO Bond from the State of Alaska for \$15 million to design and build a Seward Marine Center Dock for the Alaska Region Research Vessel
(3) \$33.5 million for the Alaska Vocational Technical Center (AVTEC) capital projects in the FY10 budget and support for the \$1.5 million increase in their operating budget
(4) Support Friends of the Jesse Lee Home for stabilization of the Jesse Lee Home
(5) Regulations that permit the use of a guaranteed cruise ship head tax revenue stream for bonding of capital projects that benefit the cruise ship industry
(6) Appropriation to upgrade and improve Seward Highway (MP18-25.5) in the STIP
(7) Authorize upgrade of Seward Highway (MP 25.5-36) in the STIP
(8) Authorize upgrade of the Sterling Highway (MP 45-60) in the STIP
(9) Construct a highway exit off the Seward Highway in the vicinity of MP 6 to provide better and safer vehicle access to Camelot and Salmon Creek subdivisions
(10) Support for continuation of Medicaid programs at not less than current year funding levels including capital cost reimbursement
(11) State funding to accomplish the objectives of the library assistance bill
(12) Support returned service to Seward by the State Ferry Tustumena
(13) Alternative Energy Programs that encourage and fund participation by the City and its electrical utility customers
(14) A rebate program for citizen purchases of energy efficient appliances (in concert with disposal of old appliances) to reduce electric usage
(15) Support the legislative efforts to develop a statewide net-metering policy

Section 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

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PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Seward, Alaska, this 9th day of February, 2009.

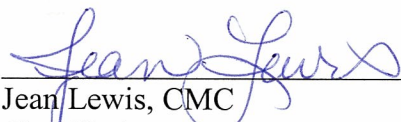
THE CITY OF SEWARD, ALASKA



Clark Corbridge, Mayor

AYES: Dunham, Valdattta, Bardarson, Smith, Kellar, Keil, Corbridge
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

ATTEST:



Jean Lewis, CMC
City Clerk
(City Seal)



